



REVEALED  
THE COST OF HIGHER EDUCATION

**“We heard rumors...  
we heard everything  
from 5 to 15 percent  
and of course we  
were hoping for the  
best. The 12.5 percent  
(cut), for two and  
four year schools, we  
consider an insult.”**

Representative Mike Thomson

Rich Fulton, professor in the history, humanities, philosophy and political science department, has taught at Northwest for 38 years. He remembers a time when entire departments flourished without fear of downsizing or elimination, a time when news from Jefferson City did not evoke feelings of dread and a time when state funding for this public, state-supported University was the biggest slice in our budget's pie chart. He remembers it because it was seven years ago. That year, 2005, was the last time state appropriations surpassed tuition and other fees in our budget's balance. From there, it has...

*Sorry, this page could not be completed due to lack of funding. Please refer to A5.*





# Search for new dean suspended

**BROOKE ASSEL**  
Missourian Reporter

The University is making major changes in response to Gov. Nixon's proposed budget cuts to higher education.

Northwest announced Tuesday the suspension of its search for a dean of the Melvin D. and Valorie G. Booth College of Business and Professional Studies. Previously selected finalists will need to reapply when the search continues.

Finalists Katherine Jackson, John Groesbeck and William Mawer, were notified of the suspension Monday. An entirely new search will begin when budgets permit, according to Joyce Piveral, dean search committee chair and dean of the College of Education and Human Services. Piveral said the previous finalists would be welcome to apply.

Suspension of the search was part of an attempt to consider different scenarios across the University to better utilize resources to the best of our ability,

according to Piveral.

Gregory Haddock will continue as acting dean for the college. Haddock has served as interim dean since July in conjunction with his positions as vice provost and dean of the graduate school.

"I told the chairs and all the departments in August that they were not to consider this a lost year or a year where we drop any ongoing initiatives or a year when we don't start any new initiatives," Haddock said. "Anything that they had already been working on I would continue to help them carry those through, and that continues."

Haddock said his job is to serve the college, and he has served it "with the mindset of it being an indefinite role."

Open forums, facility tours and other agenda items for the finalists that were originally scheduled to begin next week have been cancelled. These events will be rescheduled with new finalists when budgets permit to open a new search, according to Piveral.

## ORGANIZATIONAL FAIR



Bearcat Hero president senior Anissa Evans helps sign a student up for information about the American Red Cross sponsored club on Thursday at the Organization Fair at the J.W. Jones Student Union Ballroom.

# Choir to perform in Osage Beach

**EMILY DEMAREA**  
Chief Reporter

The Madraliers choir has been selected to perform at the 74th annual Missouri Music Educators Association conference Jan. 26 in Osage Beach.

The group has existed in the University for over 30 years as students have come and gone through the music department.

Dr. Brian Lanier is the director of the Madraliers, and said the group had to go through a competitive process to win the opportunity to perform at the conference.

"We sent in an audition of our choir performing music from last year," Lanier said. "A panel listened to all the pieces that were sent in, and then they selected certain choirs to come down there and perform a concert at the convention itself."

Steven Scheffe is one of the students in the choir and was also a part of the choir from last year's audition. Scheffe is in his eighth semester as a member of the Madraliers choir, and said he is looking forward to performing



The Madraliers choir rehearses with Brian Lanier on Tuesday before they leave for Osage Beach, Mo. There they will perform at the 74th Annual Missouri Educators Association Conference on Thursday.

# University's academic quality reviewed

**EMILY DEMAREA**  
Chief Reporter

The Academic Quality Improvement Program Team met this week to discuss the University's accreditation.

According to University Provost Doug Dunham, the meetings that took place on Wednesday and Thursday are something that all colleges and universities go through every seven to ten years, depending on the accrediting body.

"One group is from Chicago, and the other is from Michigan," Dunham said. "These reviewers are trained in the AQIP process, and they are coming as representatives of the Higher Learning Commission."

Dunham described the group as a helpful tool for the University's accreditation team.

"It's really a peer review system," Dunham said. "They're making sure that we're complying with all the federal rules and regulations, so they're going to look at things like financial assistance, and they're going to look at our syllabi."

Dunham says the team is also here to verify that the University meets the criteria for accreditation. Another topic that Dunham expects from the group is how the University uses data to improve what it does. Also, the group will examine projects that the University is working on.

"Institutions that are AQIP institutions are required to pick two to three action projects," Dunham said. "These are ideas, issues that can lead to an improvement in quality, some sort of value added to the institution, that are supposed to be relatively short-term projects. They can be two to three years, but you're supposed to be able to see some improvements in a relatively quick period of time."

Dunham said that one of the action projects that the University has conducted was a self-study last year for first-year college students.

According to Dunham, the purpose of the accreditation check is not to hurt the University, but to help it. He also said that students should not be concerned about the AQIP meeting, but they should be aware of it.

"The nice thing about the AQIP process is that they are coming in to verify that we meet the criteria and that we are a quality institution--and we are--and they help us find ways where we might look at things differently," Dunham said. "If there's an opportunity to improve in some areas, they help us by thinking through things."

Angela Wasko is a student ambassador who had lunch with members of the accreditation team.

"I am not sure about what questions the accreditation agency will be asking the team," Wasko said. "I will do my best to communicate what makes Northwest so great."

**Bearcat Jewelry Available!**

660.853.9055 cowgirlflair@gmail.com  
102 A East Torrence Maryville, MO

Welcome to

# HAWLEYWOOD

Thrift

We buy, sell, and trade anything from furniture, appliances, antiques and everything in between.

At the corner of 5th & Main

Weekend Events	
Friday, January 27	
DeLuce Gallery: National Juried Art Show Olive DeLuce Fine Arts Building	4:30 p.m. at J.W. Jones Student Union
Last date to change a trimester course to audit	Sigma Alpha Rush: Bid Night 6 p.m. at Valk Agricultural Center
TIC-IT Network 9 a.m. at The Station	Gamma Alpha Lambda Rush Retreat 7 p.m. at Wesley Center
Bearcat Leadership Training (BLT)	Colorado Alumni and Friends Chapter Social 7:30 p.m. at Old Chicago
Saturday, January 28	
DeLuce Gallery: National Juried Art Show Olive DeLuce Fine Arts Building	Regional Science Olympiad 9 a.m. at Garrett-Strong Science Building
Missouri Academy Preview Day Garrett-Strong Science Building	Women's Basketball Lamkin Activity Center
Bearcat Leadership Training (BLT) 7:30 a.m. at J.W. Jones Student Union	Men's Basketball vs. Fort Hays 3:30 p.m. at Lamkin Activity Center
C-BASE 8 a.m. at Colden Hall	Trivia Night 6:15 p.m. at Maryville Community Center
Sunday, January 29	
DeLuce Gallery: National Juried Art Show Olive DeLuce Fine Arts Building	5 p.m. at J.W. Jones Student Union
ASB Spaghetti Dinner	Catholic Mass 7 p.m. at Newman Center

## ADVANCED CHIROPRACTIC CENTER

New Office Hours:

M, T, W, F 8 a.m. - 12 p.m.  
1:30 p.m. - 5:30 p.m.

Thurs 8 a.m. - 12 p.m.  
1:30 p.m. - 7 p.m.

Sat 8 a.m. - 12 p.m.

Advanced Chiropractic is welcoming Dr. Katey Lipiec to the practice!

Maryville Florists  
214 N. Main  
660.562.3066

www.maryvilleflorists.com





ERIC BAINES | NW MISSOURIAN

The warmer winter months Maryville has seen have been beneficial to local livestock farmers. Cost have been low to keep the animals insulated and new born calves have a better chance to make it through the winter.

# Warmer winter affects farmland

ASHLEY HERRING  
Assistant News Editor

El Nino’s combination of wind and ocean currents has brought warmer-than-average weather to the north central states, and has most people jumping for joy. For area farmers, the mild winter temperatures are not causing any major problems either but the next few months will predict what kind of spring awaits and what the effects will be for Midwest farm owners.

Midwest farmers could face difficulties this spring from the low levels of moisture and unseasonably warm temperatures that this winter has brought. The extremely low amounts of snow the Midwest has received this year could impact spring crops by not providing the moisture needed to soak into the

ground and prepare for the next growing season. The year-round crops that usually go into a deep hibernation are also not receiving the appropriate ground insulation they are used to.

Without the cold winter weather and adequate winter moisture that this area of the Midwest is accustomed to, it could mean farmers will have a wet spring and a late start to planting, according to Tom Zweifel, assistant professor in the department of agriculture.

“A lot of the plants have a built-in mechanism where they realize that it is not spring until it has been cold long enough,” Zweifel said. “It works out for a place like Missouri where every year you are going to get spring-like weather before

SEE FARM | A5

# City Council election set for April 2012

ALEX RASH  
News Editor

April 3, Maryville residents will get the opportunity to vote for who will hold a seat on City Council.

Jeff Funston will challenge Shawn Wake’s current seat in the upcoming election.

“I enjoy working on trying to make the city better,” Wake said. “That is something I am passionate about.”

Wake has been with the council since April 2009 and currently holds the position of Mayor Pro-Tem. He also serves as the performance facilities manager at Northwest.

“I want to make sure the city is getting what it is pay-

SEE COUNCIL | A5

# MHS students charged with sexual assault

ASHLEY HERRING  
Assistant News Editor

Two Maryville High School students will now have to appear before a judge Feb. 14 to face charges of sexual assault.

Senior Matthew Barnett, 17, was arrested on the charges of sexual assault of a minor and endangering the welfare of a child at his residence on Monday, January 9. Barnett faces prosecution for allegedly having sex with an intoxicated 14-year old girl, according to Nodaway County Sherriff Darren White.

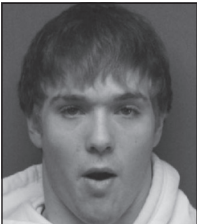
Police were called to a local Maryville residence on the morning of Jan. 8 after the parents of a Maryville High School student found their daughter passed out in the front lawn of her parents’ home.

The St. Joe News-Press reported that following his arrest and being informed of his rights, court documents showed that Barnett admitted to the charges, but said the sex was consensual.

According to White, Barnett will be tried as an adult in accordance with the Missouri law that states any individual 17 years of age or older is considered an adult.

“If he is convicted with the crime he is charged of, he faces 2-7 years at the Department of Corrections,” White said. “If convicted of a misdemeanor, Barnett will face a maximum sentence of serving one year at a country jail.”

Maryville High School student



JORDAN ZECH



MATTHEW BARNETT

Jordan J. Zech, 17, also faces charges in this case for allegedly recording the sexual encounter between Barnett and the 14-year-old victim.

“He (Zech) has been charged with sexual exploitation of a minor, which is a class B felony,” White said. “A class B felony is punishable in court by 5-15 years of incarceration to be served at the Department of Corrections.”



Community of Faith  
Church  
>921 E. 3rd St  
Service Time: 10:45 - Sunday  
Want more info/directions...  
Find us online  
>www.cofmaryville.com

BE LONG  
LIEVE  
COME

## First Presbyterian Church

Worship, Sundays @ 10:30 a.m.  
Sunday school for all ages @ 9 a.m.  
Shepherds Kitchen, Thursdays @ 5 p.m.



211 S. Main Maryville  
660.582.4257  
www.maryvillepresbyterian.org  
pbymaryv@embarqmail.com

## St Paul’s Episcopal Church

Sundays: 9 a.m.  
901 North Main  
A Member of the Worldwide Anglican  
Communion

PRIEST: Sid Breese, SSBreese@aol.com,  
or call 816-262-4958

Need a ride? Call Jody 215-0734  
www.saintpaulsmaryville.org  
www.facebook.com/stpaulsmaryville

## First Christian Church

Disciples of Christ  
Where Life Meets Love

Sundays: 8:00 a.m. & 10:25 a.m. worship  
9:15 a.m. Sunday School



201 West Third, Maryville  
660.582.4101  
W. Dale Stewart, Minister  
www.fccmaryville@embarqspace.com  
fcc@embarqmail.com



Discussion  
Bible Study  
Outreach

To Know Him  
Weekly Campus Ministry

CHECK US OUT

When: Mondays 8pm  
Where: Union Meeting  
Room C

Website: www.wix.com/awakennw/awaken

ADVERTISE YOUR  
CHURCH HERE!  
660.562.1635

## Walker Body Shop

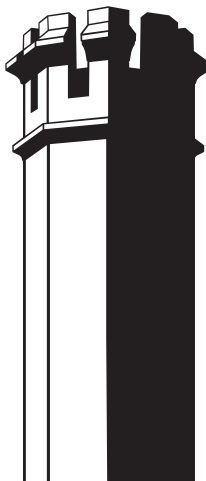
& Towing Service



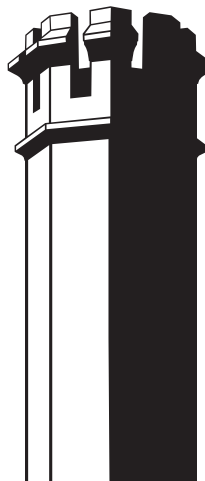
24 Hour Towing Glass Replacement  
Complete Body Shop

420 N. Market Maryville, MO  
Call: 660-582-3104 • 660-582-9276 • 660-541-5719

## Now leasing for May 1 Towerview & Rosewood Apartments



Towerview Apartments  
1010 North Walnut



Rosewood Apartments  
515 West 11th Street

Move-In Ready  
One-bedroom units  
Close to Campus

660.541.4749  
thomsonrentals.com

Old Fashion Honest Service

## DELBERT’S GARAGE

106 N. Depot Maryville, MO 64468 660.562.0025

Tune-ups  
Heating & AC Repair  
Missouri State Inspectors  
Brake Computer Diagnostics  
Fuel Injection  
Suspension & Steering  
Electrical Systems Cleaning

Delbert’s prides itself on quality vehicle  
repair done with friendly service.

We Accept:  
DISCOVER VISA MASTERCARD







Gov. Jay Nixon proposes his budget during his State of the State Address Jan. 17. The budget cuts higher education by 12.5 percent or \$4 million for Northwest.

SCREEN GRAB | NW MISSOURIAN

# OUR VIEW: BUDGET CUTS

## Bad budgets encourage voting

When Gov. Jay Nixon announced his budget proposal Jan. 17, he clearly had his political future in mind. The Democratic governor is vying for re-election Nov. 6, and cutting the wrong programs would have ejected him from his office. Fortunately for Nixon, his budget promised blue-collar job creation and a zero tax increase. He also appeased voters by allocating even more monies to education. However, there is an \$89 million asterisk on that last part. Nixon increased state funding to K-12 schools by \$5 million, only to slash higher education by 12.5 percent, totaling \$89 million. The Northwest Missourian openly disagrees with the cut to higher education, which impedes

on his dubious promise of a college-educated 60 percent of Missouri residents by 2020. But we are only college students, lacking enough taxable income to have any weight in Jefferson City and are historically non-existent at any voting place of any kind. Nixon will not feel voters' wrath Nov. 6, and some advocates of higher education think that is a good thing. Our state government is controlled by a Republican majority, and a Republican governor would eradicate the system of checks and balances. "Not just Republicans, but the Tea Party Republicans, the very conservative anti-government, shrink government Republicans," Richard Fulton, professor in the

history, humanities, philosophy and political science department, said. "And if you get a Republican governor, there's no checks and balance, and there would be a rush to cut programs, to cut the budget and cut the services of the state." Fulton cited a fundamental priority in Republican politicians, which is to regulate little and tax even less. Still, Nixon's track record with higher education could mean even less funding for higher education if he is re-elected. Regardless of your views, take time to register to vote and make your voice heard on Election Day. It could determine the difference between millions of dollars in state appropriations for Northwest and other higher education institutions.

### CAMPUS TALK

#### What kind of state support should Northwest receive?



"I think we should get some funding because we're a public school for a reason... the colleges are getting cut, but the high schools and the grade schools are getting no cuts whatsoever. I think that's a little ridiculous that we're getting cut and they're not, but the thing is, their parents will throw more of a hissy fit if they will be cut. It's a scary situation."

**Rachel Justin**  
Accounting CPA



"People that go here come from smaller families or poorer families because compared to other schools in the state it's kind of less money, but they should definitely help. Because a lot of the people I know usually have to talk about how to come up with money and loans."

**Samantha Barton**  
Biology and Zoology



"It's a school and it's important, so I think it should get a lot. With expensive college tuition nowadays and the economy being the way it is, it would really help if the government can give enough money for people who are in need of it, who need the education but just can't afford it, especially if it's not their own fault that they can't afford it."

**Patrick Schieber**  
Speech Communications

Find more Online  
Campus Talk  
nwmissourinews.com

Find more on Twitter  
Follow Missouriian Opinion  
@MissourianOpEd

## SOPA and PIPA unconstitutional, wrong



**TOM DRESSLAR**  
Missourian Reporter

It seems as if lately you can't go a minute without hearing about SOPA and PIPA, the two bills before Congress that have done what many thought was impossible: get people to actually watch C-SPAN. This legislation's intent may be to put an end to online piracy, but it may, in effect, overly censor websites and individual Internet users with facetious litigation. For the handful of you who may not be familiar with the bill, the Stop Online Piracy Act and the Protect IP Act were put in front of Congress fixed on foreign websites that infringe on copyrighted material. Originally, both bills implemented two methods for fighting copyright infringement on foreign websites. The first would allow rights holders to request that funding be cut off from an infringing site and that search links to that site be removed. The site in question would have five days to appeal any action taken. That could mean something you searched for on Google wouldn't show up because they may have had pirated material on the site. The other provision, which has since been removed from both

SOPA and PIPA, would allow the U.S. Department of Justice to seek court orders requiring Internet service providers to block the domain names of infringing sites. That would mean CenturyLink could keep you from accessing any site that at any point may have had copyright infringed material on it. These legislations could potentially ruin what the Internet has helped increase tremendously in years of late: innovation and job creation. These bills could require sites that feature user-generated content to closely watch users' behavior, which would make it tougher for web start-ups that feature user-generated material to become successful due to the high costs that could come with defending their sites against possible violations. The supporters of SOPA, authored by Rep. Lamar Smith, a Republican from Texas, and PIPA authored by Sen. Patrick Leahy, a Democrat from Vermont, are mainly content groups such as the Motion Picture Association of America and business representatives such as the U.S. Chamber of Commerce. These supporters believe that innovation and jobs in content-creating industries are threatened by growing Internet piracy. Foreign websites, they say, are a safe haven for sites to post pirated content. No matter what side you may be on this argument, you can't help

but be impressed by the massive support of stopping the bills in the online community. On Jan. 18, many prominent websites voiced their opposition to the bills by either blacking out their website like Wikipedia, Reddit, and WordPress, or posting links to more information about the bills like sites such as Google and Craigslist decided to do. Even more recently, the infamous hacker group Anonymous got involved in the fight against the government. On Jan. 18, they intermittently shut down the Department of Justice's and Universal Music's websites in response to the government shutting down file-sharing website Megaupload.com earlier that day. Anonymous also took down CBS.com on Sunday for about 20 minutes by deleting almost everything on the page, with only an index page with a single file remaining on the site. While the bill has good intentions at its heart, the collateral damage from the provisions in the bill could create a world where the Internet is heavily censored and frivolously litigated to a point where everything on the web is affected. In the end, the effort to curb online piracy may come at the cost of changing the entire landscape of the Internet for the worse.

## SAC must seek student opinions for concerts



**AMANDA SCHULTE-SMITH**  
Managing Editor

With the anticipation for the Spring Concert announcement keeping Northwest students in a constant stage of curiosity, it is easy to wonder what groups of students have the grand privilege of making that monumental decision. Once the complaints of last year's fall concert quieted, many wondered who chose the bands anyway. With groups like Lonestar and the Goo Goo Dolls, students wondered if we would have bands that made the Billboard Top 100 after the year 1998. The retaliation from the

Student Activities Council is that a group of students decide the concerts. So I ask SAC members, when you say that a group of our Northwest peers chose the concert, who exactly are you talking about? According to the Northwest website, it is the goal of SAC to create a fun and exciting experience at Northwest. Of course the events planned by the organization are not boring, in fact, many of the speakers and SAC lunch events are very engaging. The problem most students have with the events is that we feel that our opinion is not considered when choosing what the University spends its money on. We go because it is something to do in Maryville other than the bars or video games on a Saturday

night but students should want to go because we are excited instead of "well, at least it's something to do." If the purpose of SAC is to plan and facilitate activities for the student body, why can we never give an opinion? Council members say that they administer ballots for concert options to various organizations on campus and let us decide. Unfortunately, the general census is that these so-called ballots are a figment of the imagination. Whether we submit our opinion through ballots or word of mouth, students are asking SAC to do more for the Northwest community. If the events are for students, all students, then the opinion of a small group shouldn't justify decisions made in the council.

### 'AUTO INDUSTRY IS BACK' OBAMA SAYS



AP IMAGES

This 2013 Ford Fusion Hybrid, unveiled at the North American International Auto Show in Detroit, is part of the American auto industry that President Barack Obama says is back. Ford, who did not accept a government bailout, is indeed investing billions in domestic manufacturing, including plants in Claycomo and Wentzville, Mo., totalling \$1.48 billion.

## NWMISSOURIAN

Student Publications  
800 University Drive, Wells Hall  
Maryville, MO 64468  
Newsroom: 660-562-1224  
Advertising: 660-562-1635  
Circulation: 660-562-1528  
Fax: 660-562-1521  
www.nwmissourinews.com  
northwestmissourian@hotmail.com

**Laura Widmer**  
Student Publications Director

**Sarah Wayman**  
General Manager/Advertising Director

**Trey Williams**, Editor-in-Chief  
**Amanda Schulte-Smith**, Managing Editor  
**Jason Lawrence**, Sports Editor  
**Chris Schoonover**, Assistant Sports Editor  
**Alex Rash**, News Editor  
**Ashley Herring**, Assistant News Editor  
**Philip Gruenewald**, Opinion Editor  
**Ty Stevens**, Web Developer  
**Venkatesh Narla**, Assistant Web Developer  
**Ben Lawson**, Features Editor  
**Lori Frankenfield**, Photo Editor  
**Wendy Whelan**, Design Editor  
**Liz Pleskac**, Online Editor  
**Katie Whelan**, Designer  
**Cassie Swanson**, Designer  
**Rebekah Jerabek**, Copy Chief  
**Dalton Vitt**, Chief Reporter  
**Jacki Wood**, Chief Reporter  
**Kira Northrop**, Chief Photographer  
**Eric Baines**, Chief Photographer  
**Amanda Monroe**, Chief Photographer  
**Andrew Benson**, Videographer

**Alex Webster**, Advertising Sales Manager  
**Michael Duntz**, Advertising Design Manager  
**Joel DeLong**, Account Executive  
**Anissa Evans**, Account Executive  
**Devon Hatfield**, Account Executive  
**Katie Pantry**, Account Executive  
**Cassandra Haggard**, Advertising Designer  
**Katie Whelan**, Advertising Designer  
**Chelsea Nebel**, Advertising Designer  
**Prudhvi Garikipati**, Web Assistant

**Who We Are:** The Northwest Missourian is an independent learning environment providing the best source of information and advertising for the campus and community.

**Letters to the Editor:** The Northwest Missourian wants to know your take on what's going on around the campus, community, region, state, country and world. We publish letters from readers for free. All letters become the property of the Northwest Missourian, which reserves the right to edit them. Letters should include your name and address, along with day and evening telephone numbers. Letters should be between 150 and 300 words.

**Mail:** Letters to the Editor, 800 University Drive, Wells Hall #2, Maryville, Mo. 64468

**Corrections Policy:** If you believe information within our publication is incorrect, please call our newsroom, (660) 562-1224; e-mail us at northwestmissourian@hotmail.com; or post a comment on the appropriate story at Nwmissourinews.com.



# Cost of higher education, revealed

**PHILIP GRUENWALD**  
Opinion Editor

Rich Fulton, professor in the history, humanities, philosophy and political science department, has taught at Northwest for 38 years. He remembers a time when entire departments flourished without fear of downsizing or elimination, a time when news from Jefferson City did not invoke feelings of dread and a time when state funding for this public, state-supported University was the biggest slice in our budget's pie chart.

He remembers it because it was seven years ago. That year, 2005, was the last time state appropriations surpassed tuition and other fees in our budget's balance. From there, it has dwindled to about 30 percent, leaving the bulk of the difference to tuition and fees.

"There's not a business in the world that can survive under those conditions," Fulton said. "And yet, higher education in Missouri is supposed to survive.

"You can't raise the price of your goods to pay for what your raw materials are, and you're not getting income. If we were a business, we'd be close to having to either raise prices beyond what our customers can take, or go into bankruptcy."

But it was not always this way. In 1985, those values were inverted; public funding comprised 70.3 percent of our revenue. It even increased to 71.5 percent the following year, a trend completely unheard of today. From there, it gradually declined, year after year. However, when Gov. Jay Nixon announced his budget proposal during his State of the State Address Jan. 17 and revealed a 12.5 percent cut in higher education, totaling \$89 million, proponents of higher education were stunned.

"We heard rumors... we heard everything from 5 to 15 percent, and of course we were hoping for the best," Representative Mike Thomson said. "The 12.5 percent (cut), for two and four year schools, we consider an insult."

Thomson is no stranger to the incongruent relationship between education and the state. He is the chairman of the higher education committee and the chairman on the joint committee on education. He serves on the secondary education

appropriations committee as well as the budget committee.

Thomson and his fellow house representatives will review Nixon's budget and try to make up the cuts, "but as far as expectations, I do not see any way to find enough money to fill that gap," Thomson said.

Northwest officials and Missouri politicians have made it clear: student tuitions alone will not make up the balance, although we can expect another increase. Universities like Northwest have regrettfully resorted to that solution with most corresponding funding decreases over the years, according to Provost Doug Dunham.

The data paints the full picture. Back in 1990, when Northwest enjoyed an \$18 million contribution from state funding, in-state students attended school here at the cost of \$50 per credit hour. By 2011, the price rose to \$247.80, a 395.6 percent increase. State funding, during this time of growth and innovation for Northwest, only rose to \$28.3 million, a 57.2 percent increase. It is expected to drop to about \$24.7 million next year.

"Nobody wants to raise tuition," Dunham said. "But it's unfortunate that (the state) is kind of pitting the public against the institutions when actually it's the state that's decreasing the funding, and we have to find that funding somewhere."

After years of battling budget cuts with proud faculty retention, the Northwest Leadership Team has signified that Northwest's commitment to excellence must now come at a sacrifice. It is a sentiment delineated in Chapter 2 of the University's Faculty Handbook, which is concerned with personnel policies. Using that as a guide, the Northwest Leadership Team will facilitate a series of input sessions, considering their first priority as "the well-being of the University, program integrity, tenure and the seniority of faculty defined as years of service," according to the handbook. Wednesday, Dunham announced that a Faculty Reduction Ad Hoc Committee is forming to begin possible personnel layoffs. They plan to release a strategy, replete with deep, strategic cuts in lieu of across the board reductions, by the end of March.

"It will be more vertical cuts," Dunham said. "We cannot tinker

around the edges anymore without weakening the quality. What we have to do is we have to come out of this stronger rather than weaker.... So if you continue to take money away from operations and personnel, you make our strong programs weak, and we can't do that."

Details from Northwest officials have been nil. Besides adamantly defending the multi-year staff compensation strategy, in its infancy this year, Dunham would not divulge further information. According to Faculty Senate President Jeffrey Thornsberry, possible areas up for review are services for students, staff benefits and courses or entire disciplines.

"I think you can imagine what the primary faculty response is going to be," Thornsberry said. "I think (Jasinski) has made some comments in All That Jazz and in some of the public comments that he's made that everything's on the table. There's no sacred cow, so to speak, that can't be touched."

Missouri ranked 47th in the nation in per-capita education funding, according to Dunham. Of that, Fulton estimates that three out of every four dollars dedicated to education are allocated to K-12 schools. That may not have been the case since '85, but it has been our state's unfortunate reality.

We can continue to question Nixon's self-efficacy of improving Missouri's overall quality by crippling higher education. Or we can follow Dunham's example and have hope in some of Northwest's defining qualities: A new director for the Center for Innovation and Entrepreneurship, who plans to market the business incubator to businesses with internships for students; what many consider to be one of the best teaching institutions in the country; consistently above-average retention, graduation, placement rates and a streak of record freshmen enrollments and saving students \$1,200 a year through Textbook Services alone.

"When you get wrapped up into it, it can seem doom and gloom," Dunham said. "What we will try to do to the best of our ability is maintain or strengthen those things that make Northwest such a unique place, while making a minimal impact on students, faculty and staff to the extent that we can."

## Faculty lead committee begins daunting task

University President John Jasinski and Provost Doug Dunham met with Faculty Senate President Jeff Thornsberry yesterday to form a committee to facilitate recent budget cuts.

An election process to form a Reduction in Force committee hopes to be in place by next week. The main purpose of this committee is to determine who and what the University should cut from the budget. This is a result of Gov. Jay Nixon's 12.5 percent cut to higher education that is costing Northwest \$4 million. For more information and updates on the effects of the budget read next week's issue of The Northwest Missourian.

## COUNCIL

CONTINUED FROM **A3**

ing for," Funston said. "I would like to see projects implemented as efficiently as possible."

Funston is a lifelong resident of Maryville and formerly managed White Cloud Engineering & Construction Co. He previously held a seat on the council. The council member elected will serve a three-year term.

Members of City Council are not only expected to attend council meetings, but also are responsible for handling a variety of duties around the city. Council members act as representatives for the city and are assigned to different branches that work with Maryville.

"There is a lot more to it than just coming to a meeting every two weeks," County Clerk Sheila Smail said. "There are a lot of tasks that they are responsible for."

In order to be considered for a position on the council, candidates must be 21 years old or older and a Maryville resident of at least one year. They are also expected to be registered voters and cannot be behind on any payments, such as taxes, that affect the city.

Any registered voters within Maryville city limits are invited to participate in the election.

## FARM

CONTINUED FROM **A3**

spring." Farmers may also face an increase in the insect population. Since the ground has not received the usual cold freeze, insects that live in the topsoil have not been killed off and could present crop farmers with a problem when spring planting begins.

The fall hailstorm hit crops harder and caused more devastation than this year's mild winter weather has so far, according to Zweifel. The soybean crops were destroyed, and the corn crops suffered some damage.

For some, however, the mild winter has provided extra time for recovering revenue that was lost due to the fall hailstorm.

"(The mild winter temperatures) allowed me to do some drainage and field work that we don't always get done," local area farmer Joe Pappert said. "My crop got damaged this fall with the hailstorm, but I was able to do work on other farms and that brought in some revenue."

While seasonal woes can help or hurt crop farmers, this season's mild winter has proven to be a benefit for livestock farmers. According to senior Connor Dignan, who grew up on a livestock farm about 25 miles outside of Maryville, a warmer winter is actually easier on livestock farmers because it saves them money.

"During a normal winter, there are extra costs of added labor, extra straw and food to keep the animals insulated," Dignan said. "You also have to check on them twice as much when it is really cold to make sure they are staying warm and to break the ice in the trough so the pigs can still get water."

The livelihood of livestock farmers can also be in jeopardy during cold winter months, especially if the farmer has cows that are preparing to give birth.

"If you lose 10 calves out of 100, for example, those 10 could have been your profit margin," Dignan said. "Now you are only going to break even off of the 90 you still have. That can make or break you."

While the mild winter has proven to be a benefit to livestock farmers, a new wave of genetically engineered crops arriving as soon as this coming summer could protect crop farmers from some of varying highs and lows of the seasons.

"The next generation coming out is biologically engineered plants," Zweifel said. "The new wave is looking at tolerance to adverse weather, which I am excited for. We are entering a new era."

## CHOIR

CONTINUED FROM **A2**

at the MMEAC. "To be selected is a great honor," Scheffe said. "We kind of got the prime spot in terms of performance time at the convention. It's good to know that we are getting recognition from around the state and that's why

our hard work is worth it."

Mallory Brown is also a member that has been in the Madraliers choir the previous seven semesters, and said she has high expectations of her peers for the MMEAC performance.

"We always end up coming through in high-pressure situations like this," Brown said. "I expect it to be one of the best performances we'll ever do."

Lanier said the Madraliers have

been working on their performance for the MMEAC since the start of the fall semester.

"We actually started working on this music in August," Lanier said. "And then we presented at a concert in November. Now we're reviving it and polishing it up for this performance that we'll be doing (at the MMEAC)."

Lanier said he hopes the performance will open many doors for

members of the Madraliers choir now, and possibly bring more to the choir in the future.

"Our students get the opportunity to perform for a group of professional music educators around Missouri," Lanier said. "Secondly, it's great visibility for Northwest to be able to sing and perform at this great event. Third, hopefully, it will give us an opportunity to recruit more students to study music at Northwest."

# Police Blotter: Maryville Department of Public Safety & the Nodaway County Sheriff's Department

**Blotter from Maryville Department of Public Safety**

Jan. 20  
There is an ongoing investigation of larceny at 300 block North Market.

Jan. 19  
Ryan P. Schuler, 44, Pickering, Mo., and Donyel M. Schuler, 53, Pickering, Mo., were charged with peace disturbance at 800 block South Main.

Jan. 18  
Tylor J. Linkenhoker, 18, Maryville, Mo., was charged with larceny at 1600 block South Main.

Jessie M. Patterson, 19, Clarinda, Iowa, was wanted on warrant for failure to appear at 200 block East Third Street.

Jessie M. Patterson, 19, Clarinda, Iowa, was charged with failure to use turn signal, possession of marijuana, and possession of drug paraphernalia and Merlin G. Lininger, 38, Clarinda, Iowa, was charged with possession of marijuana and possession of drug paraphernalia at 800 block University Drive.

Jan. 17  
There is an ongoing investigation of property damage at 900 block South Main Street.

Jan. 15  
Alexis B. Bush, 19, Maryville, Mo., was charged with minor in possession at 500 block West Fourth Street.

Jan. 13  
Tabitha L. Auffert, 19, Maryville, Mo., was charged with larceny at 1200 block South Main.

**Blotter from Nodaway County Sheriff's Department**

Jan. 17  
An individual reported a theft that occurred at Conception Abbey.

Jan. 16  
Steven A. Stuart, 30, Maryville, Mo., was arrested on a Nodaway County warrant for harassment by frightening/intimidation/cause distress or apprehension of offensive physical contact and two counts of violation of order of protection for adult.

A Guilford, Mo., subject reported that items had been stolen from their home.

Jan. 14  
Nicole L. Reno, 22, Pickering, Mo., was arrested for driving while intoxicated.

Jan. 13  
Jordan J. Zech, 17, Maryville, Mo., was arrested on a Nodaway County warrant for sexual exploitation of a minor.

Wesley G. Parker, Jr., 28, Maryville, Mo., was arrested on a Nodaway County warrant for failure to return to confinement.

Michael S. Webster, 31, Redoak, Iowa, was arrested on a Nodaway County warrant for failure to return to confinement.

Christopher E. Barry, 22, Bolckow, Mo., was arrested on a Nodaway County warrant for failure to appear on forgery.

A Maryville, Mo., subject reported that her vehicle had been struck by another through the night.

Courtney J. Baugh, 31, St. Joseph, Mo., was arrested for driving while license was revoked and failed to display valid plates on motor vehicles.

Jan. 11  
A Maryville, Mo., subject reported that items were stolen from his home.

Jan. 9  
Joseph R. Everhart, 21, Skidmore, Mo., was arrested on a Nodaway County warrant for failure to return to confinement.

Matthew B. Barnett, 17, Maryville, Mo., was arrested on a Nodaway County warrant for sexual assault.

Joseph R. Everhart, 21, Skidmore, Mo., was arrested on a Nodaway County warrant for fraudulent use of a credit/debit device.

Amy M. Stiner, 38, Malvern, Iowa, was arrested on a Nodaway County warrant for passing bad checks.

Louis L. Birkenholz, 53, Hopkins, Mo., was issued a summons for interfering with an arrest.

Jan. 8  
Christopher A. Crater, 46, Pickering, Mo., was arrested for assault, resisting arrest, and fail to place vehicle not in motion as near right hand side of street as practicable.

Jan. 6  
Heather M. Nichols, 34, Coin, Iowa, was arrested on a Nodaway County warrant for failure to return to confinement.

Kenneth W. Gray, 26, Corning, Iowa, was arrested on a Nodaway County warrant for failure to return to confinement.

A Conception Junction, Mo., subject reported she had been the victim of identity theft.

A Savannah, Mo., subject reported that she had been the victim of fraud.

Jan. 5  
Trey Weingrad, 23, Maryville, Mo., was arrested on a Nodaway County warrant for interfering with arrest for felony.

A Maryville, Mo., subject reported that he had been bitten by a dog.

Jan. 4  
Richard M. Groves, 41, Maryville, Mo., was arrested on a Nodaway County warrant for failure to return to confinement.

Teresa A. Sanders, 47, Burlington Junction, Mo., was arrested for driving while intoxicated.

Jan. 3  
Eric J. Shipley, 22, Nebraska City, Neb., was arrested on a Nodaway County warrant for operating a motor vehicle while his driver's license is revoked.

Barbara A. Bagdasarian, 50, Maryville, Mo., was arrested for hindering prosecution.

Jan. 2  
Billy C. Scott, Jr., 51, St. Joseph, Mo., was arrested on a Nodaway County warrant for theft.

Jan. 1  
A Maryville, Mo., subject reported that their home had been burglarized.

A Skidmore, Mo., subject reported that he had been the victim of a theft.

Bobby D. Winter, 54, Clearmont, Mo., was arrested for driving while license is revoked.

Dec. 31  
Cathy R. Davis, 61, Elmo, Mo., was arrested for domestic assault.

Jonathan J. Owens, 20, Mound City, was charged with second degree assault.

Dec. 30  
Haley B. Dougherty, 19, Barnard, Mo., was arrested for drugs-paraphernalia, and minor visibly intoxicated.

Matthew P. Crouse, 20, Maryville, Mo., was arrested for drugs-paraphernalia, and minor visibly intoxicated.

A Hopkins, Mo., subject reported that someone had burglarized their home.

A Clearmont, Mo., subject reported that she had been the victim of identity theft.

A Skidmore, Mo., subject reported that their home had been burglarized.

Dec. 29  
Michael J. James, 34, Springfield, Mo., was served a Nodaway County warrant for three counts of felony non-support.

A Burlington Junction, Mo., subject reported that someone had trespassed onto their property.

Dec. 28  
Michael J. James, 34, Springfield, Mo., was arrested on a Nodaway County warrant for non-support.

Dec. 27  
Steve W. Caudill, 45, Maitland, Mo., was arrested for being a wanted fugitive.

A Skidmore, Mo., subject reported an individual was trying to break into her house.

Dec. 24  
Michael K. Feese, 48, St. Joseph, Mo., was arrested for possession of 35 grams or less of marijuana.

Dec. 23  
A Skidmore, Mo., subject reported that he had several items stolen.



Housing

**For Rent:** 2 bedroom apt. only 3 blocks from campus. NO PETS, NO SMOKING. Hardwood floors, New Carpet. \$500/month. 660.582.7160. 714.5 Filmore.

Jobs

Help Wanted: Part-time Dispatcher

Part-time Dispatcher position available at the City of Maryville's Public Safety Department. Starting wage is \$9.87 per hour. Shift work required: 15-20 hours per week. Must be able to work weekends, holidays, and some weekdays. Applicant must have good oral and written communication skills, working knowledge of computers, multi-tasking skills, and be able to type 35 wpm. The ability to gather and dispense information under pressure is a must. Radio, phones, and computer experience a plus. Applications can be obtained at City Hall (415 N. Market) or online at [www.maryville.org](http://www.maryville.org) and will be accepted at City Hall until February 10 and must include a Typing Skills Certification. Typing tests are administered for free at the MO Career Center at 1212 S. Main. EOE/AA.

Retail

USED APPLIANCES

Jake's Place  
660.582.5301

Promo

Need something you wish to sell, trade, promote or otherwise publicize to a college audience? Then place a classified ad with the Northwest Missourian. Call 660.562.1635 for details.

Promo

Need something you wish to sell, trade, promote or otherwise publicize to a college audience? Then place a classified ad with the Northwest Missourian. Call 660.562.1635 for details.

Promo

Need something you wish to sell, trade, promote or otherwise publicize to a college audience? Then place a classified ad with the Northwest Missourian. Call 660.562.1635 for details.



[www.nwmissourinews.com](http://www.nwmissourinews.com)



MissourianOpEd



@NWMSports



@TheMissourian



Northwest Missourian



Los Angeles Times Daily Crossword Puzzle

Edited by Rich Norris and Joyce Lewis

Across

- 1 Make even, in a way
- 8 Key rings?
- 15 More than concerned
- 16 When forging started
- 17 Juntas, e.g.
- 18 Discarded storage technology
- 19 Consider necessary
- 20 Round seed
- 21 Blew, so to speak
- 22 Moving experience?
- 24 Fine-grained soil
- 25 Othello game piece
- 28 Corpulent
- 29 Unfavorably influence
- 30 PIN holder's record
- 31 Make fit
- 33 Suffix with nanny
- 36 Beyond unethical
- 39 "Bambi" character
- 40 Wire function
- 41 Man cave channel of choice
- 42 Wile
- 44 \_\_ vindice:
- Confederacy motto
- 45 Parker who played Daniel Boone
- 46 Underlying values
- 48 Like protozoa
- 50 Has a turn
- 51 Improved one's record
- 52 Akkadian king who conquered Mesopotamia
- 56 Kitchen tools
- 58 "Olly olly oxen free!"
- 59 Dominions
- 60 Mess up, as a punch line
- 61 Lot
- 62 Slid (over)

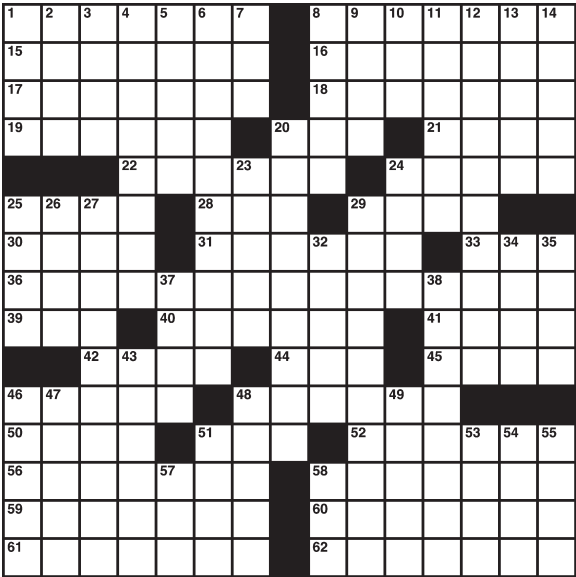
Down

- 1 Makes shake

2 Fonda role

- 3 Ranch brush
- 4 Long-odds bet
- 5 Amalgamate
- 6 Character flaw
- 7 Meas. of some field losses or gains
- 8 Sailing maneuvers
- 9 Code word?
- 10 "Psych!"
- 11 Eat at, as one's conscience
- 12 Classroom response, at times
- 13 Pulitzer-winning writers Timothy and Jennifer
- 14 Times of prayer in the Divine Office
- 20 Tried to buy at auction
- 23 She played Elle in "Kill Bill"
- 24 Online convenience
- 25 Pulp figure
- 26 Tiny paper clip, e.g.
- 27 Settings for "Junkyard Wars"
- 29 Loyal to a fault
- 32 Zola portraitist
- 34 Droid downloads
- 35 Chain letters?
- 37 NYSE deals
- 38 Cites
- 43 Flipped
- 46 Vandalized, in a way
- 47 "Chestnuts roasting ..." co-writer
- 48 Like some forest ground
- 49 Neck line?

Tom Heilman



Answers for the Jan 19 issue.

- 51 Cactus \_\_: state bird of Arizona
- 53 Canter, for one
- 54 "Memories \_\_": Billy Crystal film

- 55 Requisite
- 57 "\_\_ tu che macchiavi quell'anima": Verdi lyric
- 58 Uses Trillian, briefly



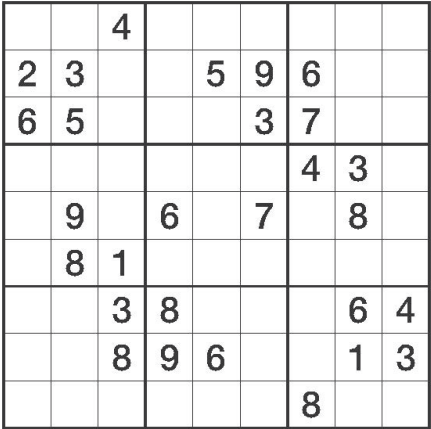
Create and solve your Sudoku puzzles for FREE.

Play Sudoku and win prizes at: [PRIZESUDOKU.COM](http://PRIZESUDOKU.COM)

The Sudoku Source of "Northwest Missourian".

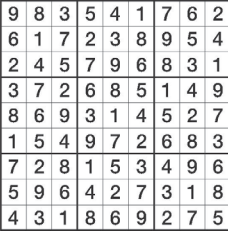
To play: Complete the grid so that every row, column and every 3X3 box contains the digits 1 to 9. There is no guessing or math involved, just use logic to solve.

Medium

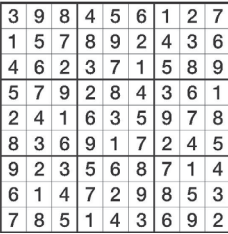


Answers for the Jan. 19 issue.

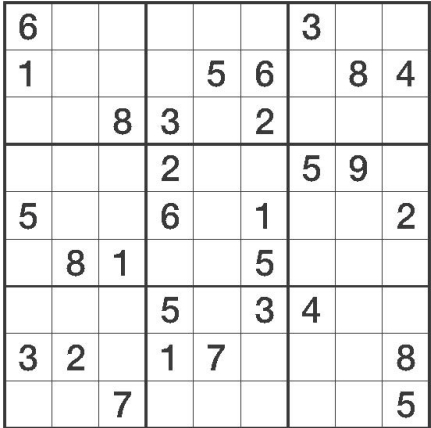
Easy



Medium



Hard



SUDOKU

Horoscopes:

Today's Birthday (01/26/12). You're exceptionally cute on your birthday, so take advantage and soak it up! Allow yourself to revel in love, beauty and art as long as you can manage. Drench yourself in delicious flavors, colors and smells. Drink in the loveliness.

**Aries** (March 21-April 19) -- Today is a 7 -- Love's the game and the prize. Be thankful for whatever you get, and there's no resisting you. Push for a raise. Relax and enjoy it.

**Taurus** (April 20-May 20) -- Today is a 7 -- The trick is to remain cautious, even

as others get impetuous. Someone needs to keep it all grounded in reality. Do it lovingly. Serve the invoice with dessert.

**Gemini** (May 21-June 21) -- Today is a 7 -- A blissful moment sneaks up, and love gets revealed. Resist the temptation to forget all responsibility. Savor it, and keep moving. You're that big.

**Cancer** (June 22-July 22) -- Today is a 6 -- Elders are in a good mood. Take advantage and make a request, the granting of which could benefit everyone. Don't launch until ready. Rest up.

**Leo** (July 23-Aug. 22) -- Today is an 8 -- The job's more fun than you expected. Find the perfect plan going forward. A lucky break leads the whole thing in a new direction. Celebrate with friends and something delicious.

**Virgo** (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) -- Today is a 7 -- Get more than you asked for. Count the benefits ... they outweigh any negatives. Slow down and think it over before saying something you regret. Silence is golden.

**Libra** (Sept. 23-Oct. 22) -- Today is a 7 -- Find the perfect plan. Postpone a trip and avoid an expensive hassle. Take a quiet

evening to kick back at home.

**Scorpio** (Oct. 23-Nov. 21) -- Today is a 9 -- Edit your own romantic dream. You're lucky in love. It's a great time to be with friends, especially if it involves something artistic.

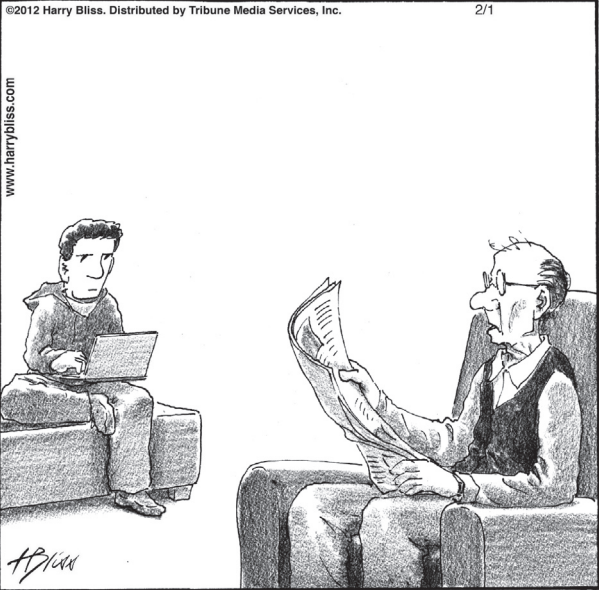
**Sagittarius** (Nov. 22-Dec. 21) -- Today is a 7 -- Your home benefits from your creativity. Love flows freely. Relish a luxurious evening. Choose faith over doubt. Stoke it with candles and warm drinks.

**Capricorn** (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) -- Today

is an 8 -- Your mind paints stark colors against blank backgrounds. You see it clearly and say it so artfully. Passions run hot with intensity. Get it out there.

**Aquarius** (Jan. 20-Feb. 18) -- Today is an 8 -- Not everything goes according to plan, but that's the beauty. It's really not worth losing your temper over. Your capacity to adapt is your strength today.

**Pisces** (Feb. 19-March 20) -- Today is a 9 -- A beautiful transformation is underway. The reality may be quite distinct from how you fantasized it. Don't be afraid. You can do it.



Cartoon Courtesy of MCT Campus

"In my day we didn't 'scroll down' — we turned to Page 16, Section D!"



The Valentine's Day Directory appears in the Feb. 9 issue. Call 660.562.1635 for details.





# Internet censorship activists take a stand

## Wikipedia and other internet leaders protest SOPA/PIPA

ALEX RASH  
News Editor

Twitter was in an uproar Jan. 18 as students across the United States tried and failed to access Wikipedia. With their main source of information gone, they plugged their iPods in and filled them with illegal downloads to pass the time.

Online piracy results in damaging losses to the U.S. economy. Not only does piracy cost more than \$100 billion, it results in the loss of thousands of jobs each year. The question isn't whether or not piracy needs to be handled, but rather what extremes will be taken to do so.

Two bills introduced to stop online piracy have started a controversy among the digital world. If passed, the Stop Online Piracy Act and the Protect IP Act will expand government regulation over the Internet.

The intention of the bills is to make it harder for sites, especially foreign, to sell or distribute pirated, copyrighted material. However, as currently written, SOPA would allow the U.S. Attorney General to seek a court order to ultimately have certain sites "black-listed." The bill would require search engines like Google to delete any links to sites that have been court ordered.

"SOPA and PIPA are an abuse of legislation," junior Nathan Robison said. "I think it is great that people are making some noise about it."

With this sort of censorship, not

only does the fate of the Internet hang in question, but our first and sixth amendment rights. A right to receive and spread information becomes at stake if bills such as these are allowed to pass. In all reality, the government would have the power to shut down sites in question without so much as a trial.

"It is pretty apparent that this is not going to be something that America is okay with," senior Jessie Craddock said. "When you threaten the rights that we have grown used to expressing everyday, people tend to get upset."

While the attempt to defeat piracy is admirable, it is also far-fetched with the immense amount of sites to surveillance. Another issue with the bill that has concerned many people is how difficult it will be to effectively enforce and whether or not it will just trigger frivolous lawsuits. Critics worry that there are not enough guidelines to differentiate between regulation and abuse and the bill will ultimately result in the censorship of the Internet.

"I don't think that it is wise for Congress to pass any bill that blankets the system like this," Craddock said. "There are too many things that can go wrong, too many liberties that can be compromised and too much power that can be abused."

On Jan. 18, the English version of Wikipedia and an estimated 7,000 other sites joined together in a 24-hour service blackout in protest of the bills. Google covered its popular logo with a black bar to indicate censorship and directed visitors to sign an electronic petition in opposition of the bill. Google Inc. said that it collected more than 7 million signatures on the online petition.

"The Internet is the most powerful tool we have for creating a more open and connected world," founder and CEO of Facebook Mark Zuckerberg posted on his Facebook. "We can't let poorly thought-out laws get in the way of the Internet's development."

With the overwhelming outpour of protests, U.S. lawmakers halted the bills on Jan. 20. Senate Democratic Leader Harry Reid said he would postpone a vote for the bill that was scheduled for Jan. 24. Republican Representative Lamar Smith agreed to stall the bill until a more common ground could be met. Smith originally introduced SOPA to the House in October.

"I have heard from the critics, and I take seriously their concerns regarding proposed legislation to address the problem of online piracy," Smith said. "It is clear that we need to revisit the approach on how best to address the problem of foreign thieves that steal and sell American inventions and products."

While SOPA and PIPA are currently on the shelf, this does not necessarily mean the end of the two controversial bills. Now sponsors of the bills will go back to the drawing table to try to reach a compromise that will please everyone. There are also new bills on the horizon, such as the Anti Counterfeit Trading Agreement and the OPEN Act that are sure to grab activists' attention.

Piracy is an issue that needs to be stopped in order to preserve the livelihood of many Americans that are affected by job and revenue loss. However, there must be a means to do so that does not infringe on our constitutional right and on the growth of the Internet.



WHAT'S HOT

Apple profits

Apple's last quarter, which ended Dec. 31, was a record setting one for the company and the entire tech world. The company generated \$46.3 billion and sold 37 million iPhone's, twice as many as the quarter before. Can consumers expect this to mean a drop in prices? Probably not.

Oscar nominations

The people at the Oscars made a wise choice and took "Bridesmaids" out of the running for Best Picture. It's a good thing they came to their senses before the red carpet rolled out, or they would have lost a lot of respect from their audience.

WHAT'S NOT

Garth Brooks requests donation returned

Garth Brooks is suing an Oklahoma hospital after donating \$500,000. Brooks gave the hospital the funds with the intention of building a women's center in his late mother's name. The center was never built, and the country star is ticked. He is suggesting he either wants the money back or donated to a different charity.

Stephen Tyler National Anthem

Aerosmith front man's rendition of the National Anthem sounded horribly close to nails on a chalkboard. Yeah, that's a cliché, but it couldn't be truer for Tyler's performance. Tyler should stick with shattering dreams on American Idol and not shattering people's ear drums.



BLOG.TIMESUNION.COM

In this week's Stroller, Your Man discusses the lack of exercise equipment in the Student Recreation Center.

THE STROLLER  
Your man needs to do a proper workout

There are very few holidays that I celebrate that aren't related to pirates (Talk Like A Pirate Day, Eat Like A Pirate Day, which is usually followed by National Scurvy Awareness Day and Get Sniped in the Face Like A Pirate Day, in memory of those Somali scalawags.). But one mainstream holiday tradition that really gets my potato baking (if you know what I mean) is the new year's resolutions. My strolls usually end with me panting and wheezing, so I decided to get in shape. I was going to join the fitness center, but then I remembered that I'm not a sucker, so I just went to the Student Rec center.

Things were going well. I was sweating more than a computer nerd while talking to a real girl, and going, "Unnnngggghh!" after each rep so people could tell how in shape I am. Then I reached for the 40-pound weights (baller alert), only to find that they weren't there. The sign above explained everything: "Whoever 'borrowed' the 40 pound dumbbell set would you please return them so everyone who wants to use them, may. Thank you."

I haven't been strolling for 94 years to not know a well-executed

prank when I see one. Good move, whoever hid those dumbbells in some closet and put up the sign. (I'm looking at you, Ashton Kutcher. By the way, your career kinda went downhill after "That 70s show," didn't it?)

I'm also a diagnosed conspiracy theorist, so it could be some lame attempt by the rec center to advertise the effectiveness of, you know, two weight racks and about 18 benches. Here I'll play along. "Yes, by simply riding the plethora of bikes and running in circles for hours like a moron, I was strong enough to calmly walk off with 80 pounds of weights suspended by my chest hair, which also grew taut and sinewy like my bulging muscles, all thanks to the rec center."

Ah, who am I kidding? The sign is real, and the weights were stolen. I guess one of us gym users could have stopped the weight thieves, but we were too busy exercising with all of the state of the art benches. Now that's what I call a workout.

The Stroller has been a tradition since 1918 and does not reflect the views of The Northwest Missourian.

"Underworld: Afterlife" provides action not story

BEN LAWSON  
Features Editor

The latest installment of the "Underworld" series lacks in story but makes up in action. "Underworld: Awakening" picks up well after the events of previous movies. Humans have discovered the existence of vampires and lycans (werewolves) and driven them close to extinction.

The movie starts out in a burst of action as Selena (Kate Beckinsale), the vampire from previous films, snaps necks and cracks skulls to escape a city filled with police trying to kill every thing that isn't human. She winds up captured and kept frozen to study as her race faces genocide. She wakes up 12 years later dazed, confused and seeking some serious bloody vengeance.

This movie leans on the action way more than the story to provide entertainment. It's

not really necessary to see the previous three films to follow the plot, which isn't a good thing for a series. It feels as if the plot only exists to give the action a context when it should be the other way around. Most of the movie consists of a bloody rampage of gunfire and angry werewolves.

These aren't the vampires and werewolves from "Twilight." Their skin doesn't shine like diamonds, and the werewolves aren't taking any humans for a run through the forest. Selena is out for blood when she awakes from her forced slumber, and she brutally kills any human that gets in her way. Going into the movie, it seems like it will be hard to sympathize with the characters because they are attacking the human race, but the film does a somewhat acceptable job of avoiding that issue.

The cast of this film fulfills their rolls well but doesn't really impress. Most of the actors play their character as the quiet, tortured

type, which gets old, and the film doesn't provide much backing for any of them. The only commendable acting performance came from Charles Dance as the chilling leader of a vampire coven.

This film has some great action scenes, and it's a pretty fun film to watch, but the story isn't enough to make the film noteworthy. It runs a short 88 minutes long, so if you're looking for a mindless film to fill your time then this is the one for you. but if you're looking for a fine piece of cinema, go see something else.



Director: Mans Marland  
Actors: Kate Beckinsale, Stephen Rae and Theo James  
Company: Screen Gems

The "why would anyone start a day with a bowl of cereal?" bagel.



The "your boss called in sick today" bagel.



The "when you called the dog he actually came" bagel.



The "that guy in your chemistry class finally noticed you" bagel.



Offer expires 2/29/12 Code PP12

FREE  
Deli Sandwich  
with purchase of  
any Deli Sandwich  
(equal or lesser value)



Only one coupon per visit. Coupon is not redeemable with any other coupon or special offer. No reproduction allowed. Valid only at Maryville location. ©2012 BAB, Inc.

Offer expires 2/29/12 Code PP13

FREE  
Muffins  
buy 2 Muffins,  
get 1 Muffin free



Only one coupon per visit. Coupon is not redeemable with any other coupon or special offer. No reproduction allowed. Valid only at Maryville location. ©2012 BAB, Inc.

You deserve a better muffin.



My Favorite Muffin  
YOUR ALL DAY BAKERY CAFE

1107 South Main St.  
Maryville  
(660) 562-2233

www.MyFavoriteMuffin.com/MaryvilleMO  
www.fb.com/MyFavoriteMuffin.Maryville



MARYVILLE BOY’S BASKETBALL



AMANDA MONROE | NW MISSOURIAN

Junior guard Treyton Burch crosses over to get past a Lafayette defender Tuesday night at Maryville High School. The Spoofhounds lost to the Irish 46-58 after a 17-0 run propelled them to a double-digit halftime lead.

Women head into season’s backstretch

DALTON VITT  
Chief Reporter

The Northwest women’s basketball team is on the road tonight trying to end a two-game skid before returning home Saturday.

The Bearcats will take on Washburn tonight, who according to head coach Gene Steinmeyer, is a very dangerous team.

“(Washburn is the) best team in the league,” Steinmeyer said. “Most talented team in the league. Absolutely no question.”

Steinmeyer also believes Washburn has an advantage over teams in the coaching department.

“I’m going to make people mad, but I think Ron McHenry is the best coach in the MIAA, I really do,” Steinmeyer said. “He sees strengths and weaknesses and evaluates the floor better than any coach in the MIAA.”

Washburn (16-3, 9-1) comes into the game second in the MIAA behind only Pittsburg State.

Northwest (4-14, 2-9) currently sits in last.

Results were not available as of press time.

Check [www.nwmissourinews.com](http://www.nwmissourinews.com) for full results.

The Bearcats’ most recent contest was a 63-50 loss at the hands of Emporia State on Sunday.

The ‘Cats shot only 9-for-41

from the field and did not have a player reach double-digits in scoring in the loss to the Hornets.

“I was really confident going to Emporia,” Steinmeyer said. “I really thought we could do it. But when you start 3-for-20 (FG’s) the game plan really goes out the window.

“You’ve got to shoot 40 percent, or you’re not going to have a chance, anywhere. You’re just not.”

Steinmeyer said tonight’s game is important just like every other game, but it is the last six games that his team needs to be concerned with.

“Our season is going to be defined not by the next four (games), but by the last six,” Steinmeyer said. “Now if that sounds like I’m throwing in the towel on those next four, you’re crazy.

“We’ve got to learn, we’ve got to make sure we’re ready to sprout new leaves when the last six games arrive.”

Steinmeyer also has a goal in mind for his team heading into those final games.

“Five wins, I think, gets you in the tournament,” Steinmeyer said. “We’ve got nine MIAA games left, so we need to go 5-4. It’s that simple.

“I think that gives us a chance. Less than five wins, I don’t think we have a chance.”

The ‘Cats will play Fort Hays

“When people say there are moral victories, well, there are for fans and there are for other people, but there aren’t for coaches.”

Gene Steinmeyer

State (14-5, 6-5) at home on Saturday in a “White Out” game that will be televised on MIAA TV.

The first 1,500 fans at Bearcat Arena will receive a free Bearcat athletics t-shirt.

Steinmeyer would love for his team to play a competitive game tonight, but would much rather go home with a win.

“It would be really big for us to win (tonight),” he said. “For a coach, there is no such thing as being competitive. You either win or you lose, it’s real easy. It’s that simple. When they say there are moral victories, well, there are for fans and there are for other people, but there aren’t for coaches. It still goes on the right-hand side of the column, and we don’t like that.”

TWITTER

CONTINUED FROM A12

athletes to tweet because they’re upset with a coach or an official, or that they weren’t happy with the attendance from the fans,” Baker said. “Those are not tweets that are acceptable. That puts a huge burden on them because young people, 18, 19, 20-years-old, get emotional!”

Baker had high praises for Bearcat fans who use Twitter to connect with the athletes.

“One thing I don’t think that we’ve ever had is fans sending, via Facebook or Twitter, negative messages to our student-athletes after a loss or after a poor play, and I’m proud that that hasn’t happened,” he said.

Williams said he does not think that Twitter will die off in the foreseeable future.

“I don’t really see it dying down because of the way our society is and who we actually put the spotlight on,” He said. “As long as our society stays the way it is and we put the emphasis on what we do, then I really don’t see Twitter going away anytime soon.”

The athletic department at Northwest will continue using Twitter and other forms of social media as long as they help the program’s growth.

“We have a challenge, and that is to stay connected with our fans and to promote awareness of our events,” Baker said. “I think that we’ll utilize it as long as it’s relevant and helps us in getting out the word about Bearcat athletics.”

DEFENSE

CONTINUED FROM A12

ings, to where if we’re fortunate enough to continue to win games, we’ll have a chance at the national tournament. We want to control our own destiny, and this win will do that.”

However, the ‘Cats, who pride themselves on their half-court defense, could struggle with Washburn guard Will McNeil, who scores a lot of his points in transition.

McNeil is third in the MIAA

in scoring at 18.9 points per contest.

“I feel that we need to get back in transition. That’s where he gets most of his buckets, in transition,” Cooper said. “When our defense is set, it’s hard to get anything because we’re so together on defense. The key is transition.”

Results were unavailable as of press time. Check [www.nwmissourinews.com](http://www.nwmissourinews.com) for results.

The “White Out” tip-off is scheduled to start around 3 p.m. Saturday, but is dependent on the women’s game since both are being broadcast on MIAA TV.

ROAD

CONTINUED FROM A10

tough road games.”

The length of the Storm also caused some problems for the Lady ‘Hounds.

Hageman said his team had been a pretty average rebounding team throughout the season, and it was displayed clearly Monday night.

“We have got to have one of the shortest teams in America,” Hageman said. “They have to realize the importance of boxing out and getting in the right spot.”

Eight different players scored for Maryville.

Senior Holly Wilmarth was

the lone player to reach double digits with 10 points in the losing effort.

Sophomore Chelsea Byland finished with eight. Senior Brooke Byland ended the game with six.

Three players reached double figures for Sion and combined to score 36 of their 51 points.

The loss brings the ‘Hounds overall record to 10-6. They return to the court at 6:30 p.m. Monday at Lathrop.

“We have definitely had our ups and downs,” Hageman said. “But I think this team has stayed the course, and we are in position to play our best basketball in conference. I am still confident we can achieve our overall goal, and that is to win our district.”

DUAL

CONTINUED FROM A10

out tremendously. We are still giving up some weight class, but not near as many as we were giving up last year. We have filled many of our sports with first year people and they’ve been doing an excellent job for us.”

The ‘Hounds take back to the mat in dual action with Mt. Ayr

(Iowa), Bedford-Lenox (Iowa) and Pleasantville (Iowa) at 5:30 p.m. tonight at Lenox High School.

The Spoofhounds will host the Quad State Classic Tournament Saturday, and Drake expects quite the show.

“It’s going to be tremendous tournament because there is going to be a lot of quality kids there,” Drake said. “There are going to be a lot of kids that were state winners and state qualifiers from last year.”

Wal-Mart Vision Center

Comprehensive eye-health exams as low as \$60

Contact lens fitting with FREE follow-up care

Glasses prescription included

Wal-Mart Vision Center  
1605 S. Main St  
Maryville, MO  
660.562.0215

  
Dr. Dallas Fitzgerald



BEARCAT APPAREL  
and much more...

GO BEARCATS...  
BEAT FORT HAYS

- \*Custom Screen Printing
- \*Embroidery
- \*Bearcat Apparel
- \*Greek Letters

FAMILY OWNED BY NW ALUMNI

582-8889 Open 10-6 M-F, Saturday 10-3

On the Square in Maryville, 202 E. 3rd St.

SPONSORED BY NORTHWEST MISSOURI STATE ATHLETIC DEPARTMENT

NW MEN’S BASKETBALL

MIAA STANDINGS	Overall	MIAA
Mo. Southern.....	16-3	8-3
NORTHWEST.....	14-3	8-3
Central Mo.....	12-4	8-3
Washburn.....	13-5	7-3
Fort Hays.....	13-4	7-4
Pitt. State.....	11-7	7-4
Southwest Baptist.....	11-9	4-7
Emporia St.....	8-9	4-7
Truman.....	5-13	3-8
Lincoln (Mo.).....	3-13	3-8
Mo. Western.....	6-11	1-10

January 28:  
Emporia St. at Truman  
Pitt. State at Central Mo  
Fort Hays at NORTHWEST  
Washburn at Mo. Western  
Lincoln (Mo.) at Lindenwood  
Mo. Southern at S.W. Baptist

NW WOMEN’S BASKETBALL

MIAA STANDINGS	Overall	MIAA
Pitt. State.....	16-2	10-1
Washburn.....	16-3	9-1
Emporia St.....	13-3	9-2
Central Mo.....	13-4	7-4
Fort Hays.....	14-5	6-5
Lincoln (Mo.).....	11-6	5-6
Truman.....	10-6	5-6
Mo. Western.....	5-11	3-8
Southwest Baptist.....	6-10	2-9
Mo. Southern.....	6-11	2-9
NORTHWEST.....	4-14	2-9

January 28:  
Emporia St. at Truman  
Pitt. State at Central Mo  
Fort Hays at NORTHWEST  
Washburn at Mo. Western  
Lincoln (Mo.) at Lindenwood  
Mo. Southern at S.W. Baptist

MHS BOY’S BASKETBALL

MEC STANDINGS	Overall	MEC
Lafayette.....	8-7	3-0
Cameron.....	11-4	2-0
Savannah.....	9-6	2-1
MARYVILLE.....	7-7	1-2
LeBlond.....	6-8	1-2
Benton.....	1-16	1-3
Chillicothe.....	8-7	0-1
Smithville.....	2-8	0-1

January 26:  
East Buchanan at MARYVILLE  
Savannah at Osage

January 31:  
Savannah at Lafayette  
Cameron at Benton  
LeBlond at Maryville

MHS GIRLS’ BASKETBALL

MEC STANDINGS	Overall	MEC
Smithville.....	11-3	1-0
Lafayette.....	9-10	3-1
Benton.....	8-7	2-1
Savannah.....	13-3	2-2
MARYVILLE.....	9-6	1-2
Cameron.....	13-2	0-1
Chillicothe.....	8-7	0-0
LeBlond.....	2-10	0-2

January 26:  
Kearney at Cameron

January 27:  
Benton at Kickapoo

January 30:  
Chillicothe at Smithville  
MARYVILLE at Lathrop





AMANDA MONROE | NW MISSOURIAN  
Senior guard Tyler Walter leaps toward the basket against Lafayette Tuesday. Walter scored 13 points against the Irish in the 'Hounds' 58-46 loss.

# Offensive ineptitude costs boys

CHRIS SCHOONOVER  
Assistant Sports Editor

The Spoofhounds fell victim to a 17-0 run in the second quarter and were not able to recover, as they fell to Lafayette Tuesday night. Things looked promising for the 'Hounds early on, as they hopped out to an 8-2 lead that included two shots behind the arc from senior guard Tyler Walter. Lafayette would respond with a pair of their own 3s to tie the contest, but Maryville would finish the first quarter up two. "I thought we were ready, and I thought we had a good, solid game plan," head coach Mike Kuwitzky said. "I thought we were executing it very well. We hit a couple of shots early, and I thought we were in a good position on defense. We had in place what we needed to do, and then we deviated from it. "We prepared well yesterday, and I thought coming off the tournament last week that they were anxious for a game, and we had some rest over the weekend. I think they were ready and energetic and confident." Once the buzzer for the second quarter sounded it was all Lafayette.

The Spoofhounds were held without a field goal for over six minutes, while the Fighting Irish made seven field goals and added two free throws for the 28-14 lead. After managing just four points in the second quarter, the 'Hounds faced a 34-18 deficit going into half-time. Maryville would not let themselves be run out of their gym, as they were able to prevent Lafayette from extending the lead in the third quarter and made a late run in the fourth quarter to get it within nine points with 2:21 remaining. "One of the things that we always teach is to never give up and fight until the end because stranger things have happened," Kuwitzky said. "You want to fight until the very, very end, and that's one thing we want to promote with our boys." The Fighting Irish delivered the dagger with a quick layup and a steal off the inbound pass, which led to another easy layup, in the final minute. Walter finished the game with 13 points and three rebounds to go along with two assists. Junior guard Jonathan Baker was the high-man for the Spoofhounds with 17 points and a team-high five rebounds.

"We had in place what we needed to do, and then we deviated from it."

Mike Kuwitzky

"Jonathan and Tyler are really competitive and are our two best players, easy," Kuwitzky said. "They want to have a great season, and basketball is their favorite sport. They are going to give everything they have, every game. They love basketball!" Lafayette senior guard Caleb Bates had no trouble finding success against the Maryville defense, as he finished with a game-high 27 points. "They were like All-Americans tonight," Kuwitzky said. "Bates had 27. He didn't miss anything. They are good and capable of that, but I thought they shot extraordinary tonight, just like Fort Scott did the other night. We are getting everybody's best effort." They are back at it against East Buchanan in a non-conference bout at 5 p.m. tonight at home.

# Winning-streak over as girls fall in away game

JASON KRAFT  
Missourian Reporter

An unusual event brought out some forgotten feelings for the Maryville girls' basketball team Monday night, losing. The Lady 'Hounds traveled to Kansas City to take on the Notre Dame de Sion Storm. The game marked the first-ever meeting between the two teams. It also resulted in the first Maryville loss since Jan. 9, ending a three-game winning streak. The Storm jumped out to an early lead and never looked back. A 10-point halftime lead turned into 13 at the end of the third quarter. "We were two hours away from home, in a place we had never played before," head coach Grant Hageman said. "We could have just rolled over, but they fought back. That was what I was

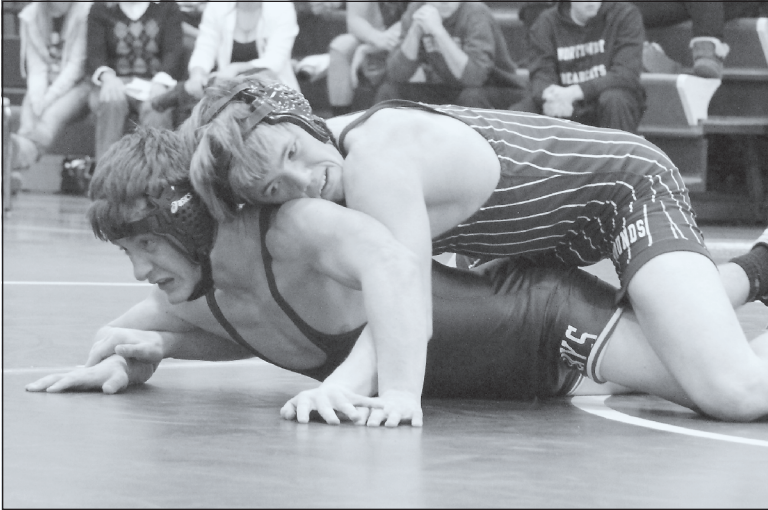
most proud of." The 'Hounds managed to put together a 17-point fourth quarter. They closed the gap, but the game ended 51-43 in favor of Sion. The three-game winning streak was their second longest of the season. However, every win came at home. Maryville has been quite inconsistent on the road this season, getting off to slow starts. Five of their six losses have occurred away from the Maryville High School gymnasium. "I think we shoot the ball a lot better at home and are a lot more comfortable," Hageman said. "But we still have a lot of girls who are playing their first season of varsity ball. Some of them do not quite understand how important it is to get off to a good start in those

SEE ROAD | A9

# Wrestling splits, final home meet awaits

CHRIS SCHOONOVER  
Assistant Sports Editor

The Spoofhound wrestling team split a dual against Benton and St. Pius X Tuesday night. The 'Hounds were able to out-dual St. Pius for the 45-36 win. Maryville had eight winners including freshman heavyweight Brendan Weybrew, sophomore 126-pounder Logan Coleman, junior 145-pounder Derek Steins and senior 170-pounder Charlie Coleman. The Spoofhounds lost to Benton this weekend in the Midland Empire Conference tournament and made changes in their lineup to make a run at Cardinals. "We had a pretty good idea where their talent was located on their team, weight wise," head coach Joe Drake said. "We knew we had to make some changes to keep the duel close." The 'Hounds' changes would prove to not be enough as they fell to Benton 45-30. Maryville produced five win-



AMANDA MONROE | NW MISSOURIAN  
Sophomore Logan Coleman gets on top of his opponent in the Spoofhounds' last home meet Jan. 10 against Rock Port and Albany. Coleman went 2-0 in the dual.

ners including Weybrew, Logan Coleman, freshman 120-pounder Nathaniel Alexander and Stiens, who went up to 152 pounds for the match. "We weren't quite able to pull

it off," Drake said. "We have some opens in our lineup and it's hard to cover them up all the time. "The numbers have helped us

SEE DUAL | A9

# ATHLETES of the WEEK



## BEARCATS

Will Haer

Abby Henry

Holly Wilmarth

Tyler Walter



Junior pole vaulter Will Haer placed first at the Nebraska-Wesleyan University Invitational with a vault of 4.85m. He also improved on his NCAA provisional mark.

Senior guard Abby Henry had 16 points and five steals in a losing effort against No. 20 Emporia State Sunday night, as the Bearcats fell 63-50.

Senior guard Holly Wilmarth was the only player in double figures for the 'Hounds Monday night against Notre Dame De Sion with 10 points. Maryville came up short, 51-43.

Senior guard Tyler Walter filled up the stat sheet in the 'Hounds 12-point loss to Lafayette Tuesday night. Walter had 13 points, three boards, two assist and two steals.

# SPOOFHOUNDS



presented by



Your Center of Excellence for the Evaluation and Treatment of Sports-related Illness and Injury.

2016 South Main Street • Maryville, MO 64468  
660.562.7999 • www.stfrancismaryville.com

Thomas DiStefano, MD  
Board Certified Orthopedic Surgeon  
With Sports Medicine Fellowship Training

Patrick B. Harr, MD  
Family Practice Physician  
With Over 25 Years of Sports Medicine Experience





# HAPPY CHINESE NEW YEAR

## THE YEAR OF THE DRAGON

Ad effective Thursday, January 26th through Sunday, January 29th, 2012  
at your Maryville, Missouri Hy-Vee store • We reserve the right to limit quantities.   Follow us on Facebook and Twitter

CHINESE EXPRESS YEAR OF THE DRAGON CELEBRATION • DINE IN OR CARRY OUT, SOME OF THE BEST CHINESE FOOD IN NORTHWEST MISSOURI



**\$3<sup>99</sup>**

**One Entrée Meal**  
1 entrée, rice,  
1 appetizer and fortune cookie



**\$4<sup>99</sup>**

**Two Entrée Meal**  
2 entrées, rice,  
1 appetizer and fortune cookie



**\$10<sup>00</sup>**

**Dinner for Two**  
2 pints entrées, 2 egg rolls,  
2 crab Rangoon, 1 pint rice  
and 2 fortune cookies



**\$20<sup>00</sup>**

**Dinner for Four**  
4 pints entrées, 4 egg rolls,  
4 crab Rangoon, 2 pints rice  
and 4 fortune cookies



**FREE**

**Appetizer**  
with purchase of 2 appetizers



**FREE**

**Wonton Chips**  
with purchase of 2 Chinese dips  
Asian Wasabi,  
Spicy Mongolian  
or Thai Chili - 8 oz.



**COUPON**

LU 536



**FREE**

**Coca-Cola 2 Liter**  
when you buy a Chinese  
Dinner for Two



Limit 1 FREE Coca-Cola 2 liter with coupon. Limit 1 coupon per customer.  
Good Thursday, January 26th through Sunday, January 29th, 2012  
at your Maryville, MO Hy-Vee store.



**COUPON**

LU 538



**FREE**

**Coca-Cola 12 Pack**  
12 oz. cans  
when you buy a  
Chinese  
Dinner for Four



Limit 1 FREE Coca-Cola 12 pack - 12 oz. cans with coupon. Limit 1 coupon  
per customer. Good Thursday, January 26th through Sunday, January 29th,  
2012 at your Maryville, MO Hy-Vee store.



**Coming soon: Hy-Vee Chinese Express Delivery!!!**  
Watch  Facebook or see department for details on our  
launch of Chinese home delivery, coming this February!



# TWEET, TWEET



**DTrain\_KC** Dalton Vitt  
Here's your chance to brag. Are you the best tweeter in Northwest athletics?  
23 Jan



**Notorious\_R\_O\_D** Rod Williams  
All-in-all, I tweet a lot. I probably am the most prolific tweeter in the athletic department, and I'll take that. I'll take that title.  
23 Jan

## Northwest athletic department, director join Twitter craze

**DALTON VITT**  
Chief Reporter

Following Northwest athletics is now easier than it ever was before.

All you have to do is click 'Follow'.

Members of the athletic department, as well as Bearcat athletes themselves, have joined the social media craze.

Athletic director Wren Baker and All-American left tackle Rod Williams are two of the more recognizable Northwest figures currently using Twitter.

"One of the huge challenges in college athletics is to reach your fan base," Baker said. "Not very many people go online to read every press release, so sometimes the best way to do that is by utilizing Twitter to bring awareness about your campus events and your teams and their success."

Baker created his account about two years ago, but only recently started using it.

"(I use it) just as a way to connect to fans, to get to know more of our fan base," Baker said. "I have several followers that are

Northwest fans and students that I don't personally know. It's a way for me to communicate with them and to maybe, at times, make them feel even closer to the program with the insight that might come that's not in an official press release."

Williams also created his account about two years ago and has proclaimed himself as the best tweeter in Northwest athletics.

"If there was a Hall of Fame, I'd probably be in it," Williams said jokingly. "All-in-all, I tweet a lot. I probably am the most prolific tweeter in the athletic department, and I'll take that. I'll take that title."

Williams continues using his account for some of the same reasons as Baker.

"It's fun; I like to talk," Williams said. "I guess people enjoy it because I never really get too many complaints. Plus, I found out fans have Twitter accounts and follow us, so it's a good way to keep in touch with the fans."

Williams' view of Twitter has changed a lot since he joined.

"Honestly, I didn't like Twitter

at the beginning," He said. "I thought if you weren't famous, you really didn't deserve a Twitter because nobody cares what you're doing."

Baker believes that social media is good for the athletic department when used properly.

"It just gives fans another link to the department, and they can feel closer to the athlete," Baker said. "It brings about an awareness of what's going on with individual sports, teams and players."

"If it's not used properly, it can certainly do all those things negatively. That's one of the things that our coaches do talk to our student-athletes about, is trying to use it properly."

Baker also said that the department is working to put a social media policy into place for Northwest athletes.

He believes that Twitter is better for the fans simply because athletes have to be so careful about what they say.

"It's important to get athletes to understand that it's not OK for

SEE **TWITTER** | A9  
DESIGN | WENDY WHELAN

## Success with honor: Paterno remembrance

**JASON LAWRENCE**  
Sports Editor



A broken heart and a lost sense of worth is what led to Joe Paterno's death. Sure the complications from lung cancer might have played a role, but Paterno died because he no longer had football.

Football went on without him, but he couldn't go on without it, not after 61 years at Penn State, 46 as the University's head coach.

Paterno piled up a record 409 victories and took the Nittany Lions to 37 bowl games, including two national titles in his tenure, and did it with the same old school creed: "Success with Honor."

Paterno was known for both until the last few months when news of the child sex scandal involving former defensive coordinator Jerry Sandusky broke.

Did Paterno mess up by not going straight to authorities when he was told of the accusations? Absolutely.

But that's not Paterno's legacy. Or it shouldn't be, anyhow.

Paterno should be remembered as a man of principles.

He graduated the highest percentage of his players of any school in the Big 10 and coached over 250 players who made it to the NFL. He helped young men succeed not only on the football field, but in life.

He was loyal to Penn State. He had a multitude of opportunities to leave State College, Penn., for bigger places.

In the 1960s, when Paterno was an assistant at Penn State, the late Al Davis offered him a job as general manager of the Raiders that came with a new car and triple his salary.

Paterno said no. Three years later he was named head coach of the Nittany Lions. His loyalty paid off.

He lived in State College his whole career in the same modest ranch house. All five of his kids grew up there.

He was a model of consistency, you knew exactly what you were going to get from him no matter how many years passed.

That's what Paterno's legacy should be, success with honor, because those are the traits that defined him more than any others.

One blemish on his resume, over something that ultimately didn't fall directly on him, should not define his life or his legendary coaching career.

Regardless of where you stand regarding the scandal, you can't disregard what Paterno did for the lives of thousands of young men and the impact he had on so many more through his speaking engagements and community involvement.

He deserves to be defined by his full body of work and not one phone call he made a day late.

Remember Paterno for who he was and what he did for the sports world.

Bottlecap glasses, rolled up khakis, black tennis shoes and the blue windbreaker on the sideline. That's how Paterno should be remembered.

## Half court defense still paving way as Bearcats head back home

**JASON LAWRENCE**  
Sports Editor

With the last multiple game road trip of the season over, the Bearcats are looking forward to coming back home.

"We're very ready (to be back home)," junior point guard DeShaun Cooper said. "I feel that we need the fans to come out and support us and get us ready and get the energy going in the building."

The men are tied atop the MIAA standings, and the revival earned the 'Cats the MIAA TV Game of the Week against Fort Hays State Saturday.

In honor of the televised game, the athletic department is hosting a "White Out" and offering a limited number of free t-shirts to fans.

Fort Hays ended Northwest's perfect start to the season, handing the Bearcats an 83-64 loss on Dec. 17 in Hays, Kan.

"It's always nice to be at home, especially when you get a good crowd, and the crowd is into it," head coach Ben McCollum said. "Especially a team that beat us by 20 on the road. That's motivation for us to where we really want to get that one back, and we have an opportunity to do it."

The 'Cats ended their road trip last night against Washburn, who is also tied atop the league standings, fresh off of a season sweep against Emporia State.

"It feels good because the last two years we weren't able to sweep them," Cooper said. "I think they swept us (last) year."

"I was excited about our defensive effort and our unselfishness defensively."

Ben McCollum

Against the Hornets, every player on the Bearcat roster played and scored on the way to a 71-45 win.

The 45 points Emporia State scored is their lowest total of the year, and the third lowest total the 'Cats have given up this season.

"I was excited about our defensive effort and our unselfishness defensively," McCollum said. "Offensively, I felt like we did what we had to do to help our half court defense."

"That's our objective with everything we do offensively, out of bounds, everything, it's to help our half court defense."

Northwest is looking for back-to-back season sweeps, having beat Washburn 65-59 Dec. 3 at Bearcat Arena.

"Every road win is as tough as they get in our league," McCollum said. "I think it goes back to controlling your own destiny because then you have two wins over a team that I think is going to finish at the top three at least in the conference, and that's good."

"And it would be good for regional rat-



KIRA NORTHROP | NW MISSOURIAN

Junior point guard DeShaun Cooper weaves his way through the Truman State defense Jan. 7 at Bearcat Arena. Cooper scored 12 points and dished out six assists in the 65-47 victory.

SEE **DEFENSE** | A9